

Pope Building
625-627 Market Street
Port Gibson
Claiborne County
Mississippi

HABS No. MS-204

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE MISSISSIPPI	COUNTY CLAIBORNE	TOWN OR VICINITY PORT GIBSON
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) POPE BUILDING		HABS NO. MS-204
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 625-627 Market Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1830	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The delicate keystones above the windows and the fanlight triple window were particularly fine Federal features. In 1974, the date of its demolition, the Pope Building was one of the few remaining antebellum structures in downtown Port Gibson.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) The Pope Building was a rare example of Federal style in Mississippi. It was adorned with carved keystones and a well-proportioned, triple fanlight window.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The foundations were constructed of brick. The load-bearing, masonry walls were laid in Flemish bond and painted white.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The rectangular, two-story building had seven bays.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE A central, arched opening led to a narrow stairs. The opening was neither adorned, nor provided with a door. The original front windows were double-hung with 12 over 12 glazing. The tripartite window on the south side was flanked by quarter windows and covered by an elliptical fan which spanned the entire window. The roof was gabled. The cornice was treated with brick modillions set below a row of bricks turned on edge to form a houndstooth pattern. It is probable that commercial firms occupied the first floor and residential units were located above.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Demolished: 1974		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The Pope Building was set directly on the sidewalk, fronting Market Street. A description of the site is to be found in the Claiborne County Deed Book, 6B, page 49.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Douglas, Ed Polk. Architecture in Claiborne County. (Jackson: Mississippi, Department of Archives and History). 1974. This project was coordinated by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, E. L. Hilliard, Director. Compiled by W.C. Allen, Arch. Historian.		
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